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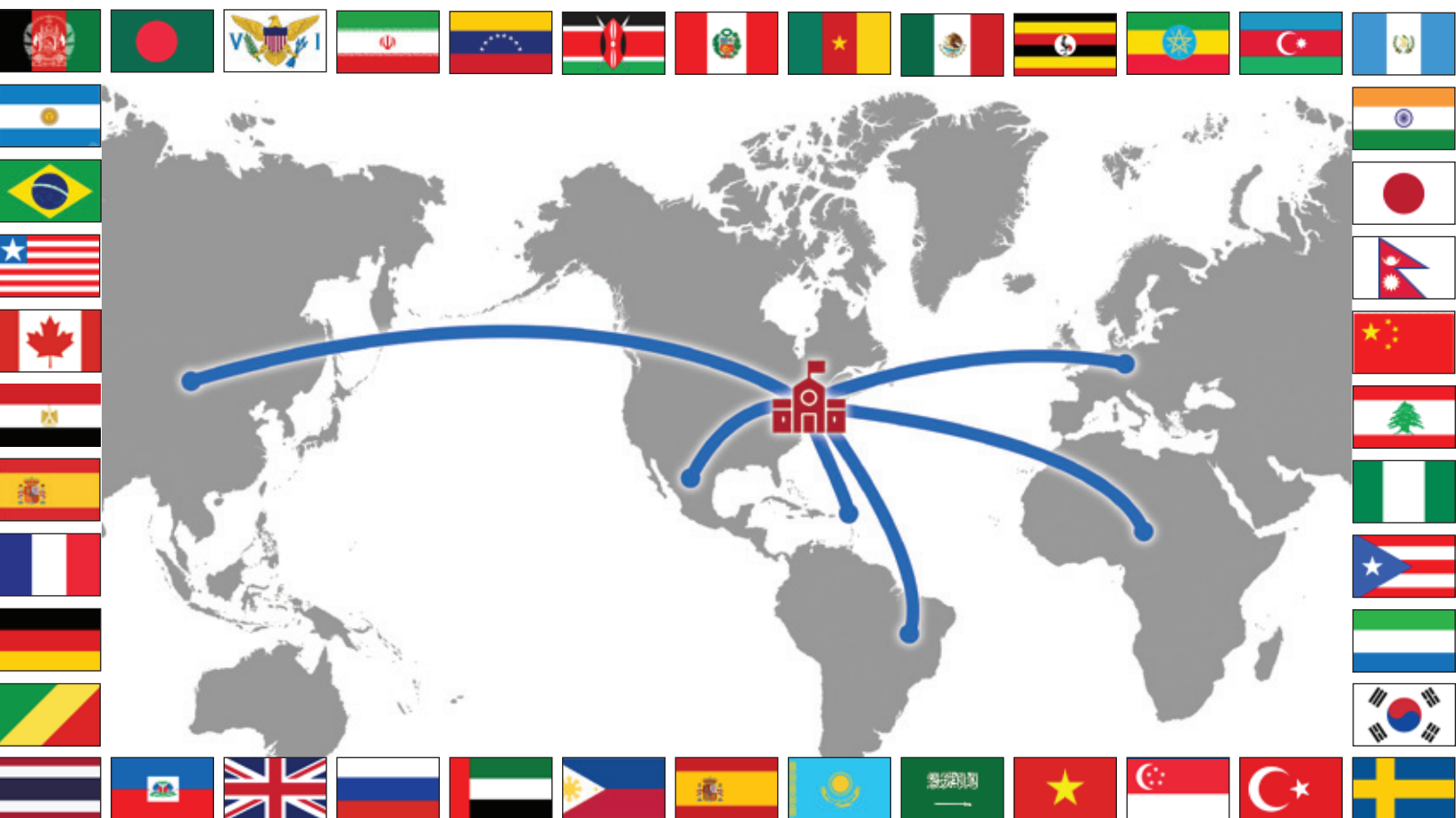
Houghton Academy

In Partnership with Houghton University

International School Profile

Grades 7-12

Celebrating
140th year
anniversary!



- ✓ Rolling Admissions
- ✓ English Support for any Level
- ✓ Shared University Facilities, Programs
- ✓ 250 Classes including 150+ FREE for University Dual Credit
- ✓ Guaranteed University Acceptance

IMPORTANT DATES

Arrive for 2nd Semester: January 19-20, 2024

Arrive for 1st Semester: August 16-17, 2024



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Introduction: What is Houghton Academy?



Dr. Toby Travis, Head of School

Houghton Academy is a college preparatory, international boarding, and day school. Founded in 1883, it is one of the oldest continually operating Christian schools in America that has not wavered from its original mission.

The mission of Houghton Academy is to offer young people a college preparatory education with the framework of a Christian worldview. The Academy is characterized by high academic standards and strong character development, resulting in students matriculating into the universities of their choice and succeeding throughout life. Students are taught to live authentically, learn deeply, lead globally, and love boldly.

The Academy includes grades 6-12 and is made up of approximately 50% American students while the remaining 50% are international students, typically representing 15-20 countries from around the world. The Academy's diverse culture represents the interconnected world that its students will live and work in.

What Do Our Parents Say?

100%

Agree

"The School provides a safe environment, the rules are a good fit, the Staff is helpful, the Teachers are a positive influence, my child is developing positive characteristics, and I would encourage other families to attend Houghton Academy!"*



**Based on most recent boarding parent survey with 85% responding*



School Credentials & Facts



Universities

100%

of university applicants
accepted

Grades

6-12

Grades 7-12 open to
boarding students



Enrollment

145

Historical Average
(post COVID 85 and
growing)

Ratio

1:1

International students to
American students

Average Class Size

8-10

Students

Recent Average Scores

26.5 ACT
1225 SAT

USA Average
20.5 ACT / 1051 SAT



Safe

**Small town
safety**

One hour to cities

Accreditation

Middle States
ACSI
NY State since 1907



Technology

School-provided
computer for
every student

Teachers

Friendly, caring,
helpful

Rolling Admissions

Start any day of
the year

Classes

Over
250

150 dual credit and
15+ APs



Guaranteed Acceptance

into
award-winning
**Houghton
University**

Diploma Tracks

Four Specialized
Levels



Where is Houghton Academy?



Houghton Academy is strategically located in one of the most famous and connected regions in the USA / Canada and the world. New York City (a.k.a., "The Big Apple"), on the Southeastern side of the State, is home to Wall Street (the financial hub of the world), the Statue of Liberty (the Gateway to North America, and the beacon for freedom for centuries), Broadway, Fifth Avenue, Times Square (Cultural Ground Zero) and the United Nations.

Other major political and educational power centers, such as Boston, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Canadian cities of Toronto, Montreal, and Quebec City, are also in the region. **Eighteen of the top twenty-five ranked universities in the United States are within a day's drive of Houghton Academy. Additionally, ten of the top twenty-five ranked universities in the world are within the same region.**

With easy access to all the metropolitan resources on the East Coast of the USA, Houghton Academy also offers safety and freedom from distractions to study in its charming and friendly small-town culture. Houghton Academy and Houghton University have made it feel like "home" to thousands of students worldwide for nearly 140 years.



Academic Offerings

Over 250 Classes including 150+ for University/Dual Credit, plus 15+ APs, all with no extra fees!

Houghton Academy, in collaboration with Houghton University, offers an expansive ON-SITE and ON-LINE traditional high school, A.P. and university curriculum via multiple delivery methods that make for the most individualized education possible. The result is over 250 classes options, opportunities for extensive university credit, valuable experience within a wide variety of learning methods and enormous savings for parents. In addition, the middle school offers a traditional liberal arts American curriculum focusing on English proficiency and high school preparation.

Science	Math	History	Language
ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit	ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit	ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit	ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit
Biology Chemistry Honors Physics Earth Science Physical Science 9 & 10	Pre-Algebra 1 Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Number Theory	World History American History Global History Geography 1 & 2 Current Events Government and Economics	Literature and Composition 1 & 2 American Literature & Composition British Literature & Composition Drama Spanish 1 & 2
ONLINE for HS Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit
Chemistry Chemistry Honors AP Chemistry Biology AP Biology Marine Biology Anatomy & Physiology AP Environmental Science AP Physics Forensic - The Science of Crime Physics	Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Algebra 2 Honors Pre-Calculus Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics	Global West US History Economics (1 Sem) Psychology (1 Sem) US Government (1 Sem) AP US Government & Politics AP US History AP World History - Modern AP Macroeconomics (1 Sem) AP Microeconomics (1 Sem) AP Psychology Human Geography	Chinese 1, 2, 3 & 4 Latin 1, 2 & 3 French 1, 2, 3 & 4 Spanish 1, 2, 3 & 4 American Sign Language 1, 2 & 3 AP /English Language & Composition Analytical Reading Grammar and Composition Honors Rhetoric and Style, & Honors African and American Literature C S Lewis Creative Writing English I & 2 English 11 & 12
ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit
Intro. to Agricultural Studies	College Algebra	American History	Speech Communication English: Exposition & Argument
Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit	Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit	Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit	Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit
General Biology: A,B,C,D Emergency Medical Service Training Medical Terminology Human Anatomy & Physiology II, A&B Conservation Biology: A&B General Chemistry II, A, B, C, & D Chemistry Instru. Research A & B Science Honors 1 General Physics II Digital Electronics Pandemics Pathogens People Science & Superheros Science: Island Biogeography Science: Climate Science Science: Nuclear Age Reason & Abstraction: Graph Theory Reason & Abstraction: Data for Good Statics A & B	Calculus I with Pre-calculus B Calculus 2 Differential Equations Linear Algebra	Principles of Microeconomics Intro to Global Studies Early Modern World A, B, C & D Modern World A & B History of Global Christianity Adolescence & Emerging Adulthood Intro to Global Studies Intro to Psychology Culture and Human Development Lifespan Development of the Family	German Level 2 Beginning Greek Level 2 Foundation of Digital Communication Intro to Communication Theory Interpersonal Communication Organizational Communication Marketing Principles Intercultural Communication Intro to Web Communication Intro to 3D Computer Graphics Graphic Design 1 Intro to Digital Photography Intro to Digital Imaging Introduction to Swahili Introduction to Linguistics Visual Personal Narrative Writing in the Liberal Arts A & C
Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit	Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit	Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit	Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit
		Principles of Microeconomics Modern World History of Rock & Roll & Comm. Music Intro to Psychology Adolescence & Emerging Adulthood	Visual Literature

Academic Offerings

Technology/Business	Fine Arts & Music	Culture & Religion	Other
ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit Computer Literacy Intro to Computer Languages Typing	ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit Music Literature Choir High School Choir Introduction to Dance Dance for Film Introduction to Movement	ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit Bible Survey Worldviews Introduction to the Bible	ON-CAMPUS for HS Credit Health P.E.
ONLINE for HS Credit Sports and Entertainment Marketing International Business Intro to Computer Languages Intro to Programming AP Computer Science	ONLINE for HS Credit Fashion Design Interior Design Music Appreciation AP Art History Digital Photography Art in World Cultures Digital World- Computer Literacy Digital Photography	ONLINE for HS Credit Hebrew Bible (1 Sem) Jesus and the Gospels (1 Sem) Christian Spiritual Practices (1 Sem) Intro. to Christian Theology (1 Sem) Conversations in Faith & Culture Models of Christian Service in Film	ONLINE for HS Credit Early Childhood Education
ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit Personal Finance	ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit	ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit Intro. to Christian Scripture Arts & Western Culture	ONLINE for HS Credit & University Credit Intro. to Sociology Intro. to Philosophy
Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit Intro to Cybersecurity Cybercrime and Governance Data Science for Beninners Data Science 1 Financial Accounting Managerial Accounting Business Communication Principles of Management Business Law 1 Marketing Principles Programming II Data Structures and Algorithms	Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit Intro to Music Tech.+Recording Arts Intro to Music Business String Techniques Music & Global Culture in Christian Persp Music History & Literature II Music & Listening : An Introcuction Music Theory I Musicianship I Introduction to Music Therapy Foreign Language Diction Houghton Jazz Ensemble Foundation of Digital Communication Painting 1 Art of Low Countries & Belgium Graphic Design 1 Sculpture 1 Ceramics I Intro. to Digital Photography Intro. to Digital Imaging Special Topics: Watercolor 1	Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit History of Global Christianity Poetic Books Intro to Christian Ministries Christian Movement Eastern Religions Integration of Faith & Sport Intro to Christianity A & B Emmanuel Scholars Race and the American Church Biblical Literature A & B Biblical Interpretation	Houghton University ON-CAMPUS for HS and University Credit Intro to Criminal Justice Topics in Professionalism Education and American Culture Educational Psychology Children Literature Education Exceptional Learners Horsemanship 1 Developing an Independent Seat Horsemanship 11 Horsemanship Jumping 1 Dressage Equestrian Pedagogy Methods Wellness for Life A & B Holistic Health Intro to Global Issues Global Church Cultures Cultural Anthropology Intro to Sociology Imagination Integration of Faith & Sport Intro to Sociology Imagination
Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit	Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit	Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit Biblical Literature Intro to Christianity	Houghton University ONLINE for HS & University Credit Intro to Sociology

Diploma Tracks

Houghton Academy offers a unique opportunity for students to achieve one of four different Diploma Tracks and thereby gain an advantage when applying to universities.



College Preparatory Diploma

Totals 22 credits including 4 credits of English and Social Studies and 3 credits of Math and Science and 1 online credit.



Advanced College Preparatory Diploma

Totals 25 credits including all College Preparatory Diploma requirements plus 3 additional upper-level courses (e.g., A.P., Honors).



Diploma of Excellence

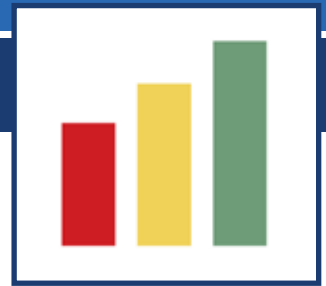
Totals 28 credits including all Advanced College Preparatory Diploma requirements plus 3 additional credits in college-level dual enrollment and a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0.



Diploma of Excellence & Emphasis

Totals 30 credits including Diploma of Excellence requirements plus 2 additional credits in an area of emphasis (e.g., STEM, Fine Arts).

English Support at Houghton Academy



While studying in the United States as an international student, English is essential. However, Houghton Academy believes almost all students, even those with weaker language proficiency, can catch up if needed and reach the target level with the appropriate support resources and dedicated effort. Consequently, the Academy is willing to accept and support students at all English levels. Following are categories of support.



ESL Students are already at language target levels when accepted. These students will function effectively within regular school classes and activities after a typical transition period. ESL Students receive the benefit of regular preschool orientation, ongoing and periodic group support, helpful, caring teachers, small class sizes with daily interaction, encouraging American friends, Home Dorm life with adult oversight, extensive opportunities for activity participation after school and on weekends, and coordinated support by leaders. No extra fee is required for ESL Students.



ESL 1 Students are slightly below the language target levels when accepted. These students are identified during the interview and provided English Language Learner (ELL) support as long as they need it throughout their first year. The weekly ELL support is in addition to ESL students' resources. The typical result is successful acclimation and catching up within the first year. No extra fee is required for ESL 1 Students.



ESL 2 Students are significantly below the language target levels when accepted. They need more support than the weekly ELL support for ESL 1 Students. Accordingly, the Academy offers two additional specialized programs to meet these needs. Additional fees are required for ESL 2 Students.



ESL 2 Students are highly recommended to enroll in an intensive English Language Program taught by native English-speaking teachers the summer before starting at Houghton Academy or as soon as possible. One such summer program is typically available on campus at Houghton Academy. Without this type of supplemental program, ESL 2 Summer Students are not likely to succeed academically. Upon beginning at Houghton Academy, the ESL 2 Summer Students will begin and continue in Double ELL Support until they no longer need it. Typically, ESL 2 Students start in grades 8, 9, or 10. Additional fees are required for ESL 2 Students.



ESL 2 School Year Students are ESL 2 Students with the most severe catchup needs. They will typically require more work than the one summer of intensive work and Double ELL Support during their first year. In addition to the intensive summer work, ESL 2 School Year Students must also participate in a semester long or more school year support program. Thus, their class schedule during their first year is individually designed to be lighter to ensure year one is manageable and supports success. Any makeup credits will be added to the following two, three, or four years.

Students benefit from the same educational opportunities over three, four, or five years but are in different sequences. Expectations ramp up as the student is correspondingly able to handle them. ESL 2 School Year Students receive all the support of ESL 2 and ESL 1 Students with additional specialized support (Double ELL Support, weekly check-ins, extra Home Dorm supervision, and similar accountability). Additional fees are required for ESL 2 Students.



Houghton University Access

Houghton Academy is fortunate to have Houghton University located within a five-minute walk of our campus. As the Academy and the University were birthed from the same school in 1883 (i.e., Houghton Seminary), the University continues to provide Academy students access to their extensive library, bookstore, recreation and athletic center, Olympic-size pool, musical concerts, drama productions, famous speakers, and unlimited food court!

Academy students are allowed with permission to participate in university classes and selected extracurriculars (e.g., University Band, Calculus, Chemistry, The Ancient World, Mass Media, Microeconomics, Psychology, Sociology, World Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Anthropology) and receive University credit that may transfer in the future to the University or College of their choice (potentially saving families thousands of dollars in future higher education tuition).

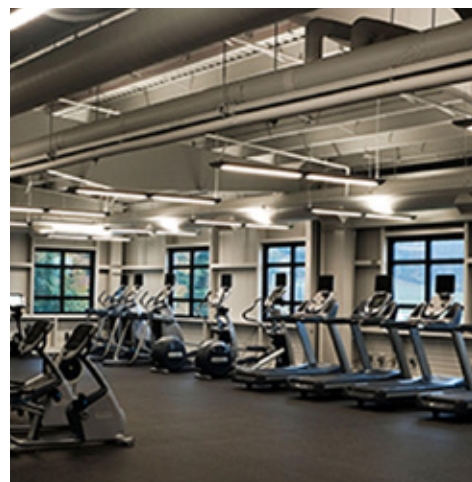


Majors

- Accounting
- Applied Design & Visual Communication
- Applied Physics
- Engineering Emphasis
- Art Studio
- Behavioral Neuroscience
- Bible
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Human Resources Management
- Organizational Management
- Chemistry Communication
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Data Science
- Education | Adolescence
- Education | Inclusive Adolescence
- Education | Inclusive Childhood
- English
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Equestrian
- Exercise Science
- History
- International Development
- Intercultural Studies
- Mathematics
- Music
- Music Composition
- Music Education
- Music Industry
- Music Performance
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sport, Recreation, & Wellness Management
- Theology
- Writing
- Worship Arts

Pre-Professional Programs

- Pre-Art Therapy
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- 3+1 Nursing Program
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Med
- Pre-Veterinary
- Pre-Nursing
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Biomedical Sciences





University Preparation

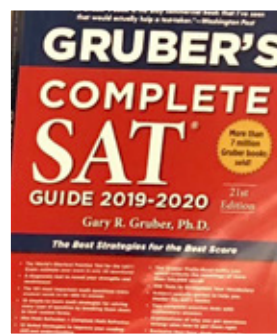
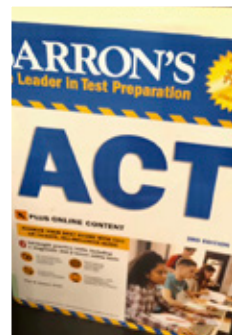
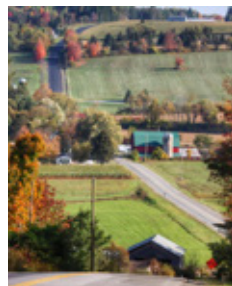
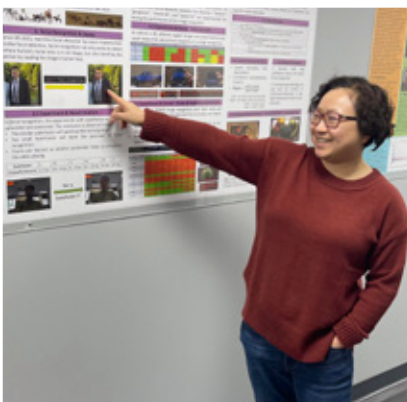
Houghton Academy understands the critical need for expert guidance through middle and high school as students prepare for their targeted universities.

Our Guidance Personnel work closely with students individually and in groups. The following are areas of support:

- Develop a 4-year personalized education plan
- Ensure a proper mix of classes and activities while maximizing students' Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Assist with testing, application, and reference support through the university process
- Provide ongoing support as graduates seek internships and graduate school placements
- Houghton Academy university applicants have a 100% acceptance rate!

Educational Travel

Houghton Academy offers a variety of university and cultural visit trips throughout the school year, such as the Boston or New York areas, with visits to Harvard, MIT, Boston College, Gordon College, Yale, NYU, Princeton, and others. Students have valuable opportunities to meet admissions staff from these universities and get a natural feel for each university community. In addition, trips may include cultural outings to National Basketball Association (NBA) games, Broadway Shows, and visits to Times Square and the Statue of Liberty. Additional trips to specific universities can be planned according to interest.





Guaranteed University Acceptance

Houghton Academy offers one of the most unique programs in America. If a student successfully graduates from our high school (with a B average in good standing), he/she is guaranteed acceptance into an American university.

Through a partnership agreement with Houghton University, students can move seamlessly from Houghton Academy into university education. Although they are not required to attend Houghton University, they have a huge advantage of already securing one university acceptance even before they leave their home country and arrive in the United States.

Houghton University is one of the most economically priced private universities in the U.S.A.



University Placement

Over recent years, Houghton Academy graduates have been accepted into over one hundred different American universities, including:

Sample Universities	Rank	Ranking Organization
U.C. Berkeley	#1	Forbes
Cornell University	#4	Top 200
Middlebury College	#5	Liberal Arts
University of Michigan	#7	Top 200
UCLA	#8	Forbes
Purdue University	#18	Top 200
Penn State University	#19	Top 200
Georgetown University	#21	Forbes
The Ohio State University	#22	Forbes
Boston University	#42	Forbes



Residential Life

Home Dorms

We all know that teenagers enjoy their personal space, recreation areas, and opportunities to socialize with friends in a traditional dorm. But we also know students benefit from the daily family interaction, adult support, encouragement, and supervision, not to mention the more significant English language improvement that a traditional homestay situation offers. So we combine the best of both worlds in our Home Dorms. A married couple, often with their children, leads the Home Dorm. Homework help, medical support, game night, cooking/baking parties, and just time to chat are all a part of life in the Home Dorm. But when teenagers want quiet and solitude, they have space and opportunity. Traditional Home Stays with a family in the community are available for an extra fee. But, regardless of their original preference, most students come to love Home Dorm living.

Environment

All students receive a safe, orderly, and affirming atmosphere that provides opportunities for academic support, personal growth, and lifelong friendships. Residence Life is known as family-friendly and especially inviting to new students. Evening study hours are structured and supervised. Every student's need (academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical) is important to our Residence Life staff. On the weekends, residence life is full of exciting and varied activities that frequently involve ethnic restaurants, malls, movies, ethnic supermarkets, and local travel.

Who cares for my child?

Houghton Academy has a team of caring adults which we call our Student Support Group. The Group includes the Boarding Director and Assistants, Dorm Parents, Nurse, School Counselor, and ELL Instructor. The Student Support Group communicates daily about the needs of the students and creates personalized support strategies.

Enhanced Support Program (ESP)

Houghton Academy recognizes that many parents desire additional support and accountability for their students. Maybe their teenager is struggling with some form of "electronic addiction" or hasn't developed the discipline to maintain repeatable study habits. Some parents may want specific mentoring and discipleship for their student's physical, emotional, social, or spiritual needs. Whatever the need, an Enhanced Support Program (ESP) can offer supplemental support. Parents and the Resident Life Team work together to build an individualized program to meet the student's needs. An extra fee is set based on the extent of the ESP.



Student Activities

Houghton Academy believes learning continues after classes end. Experiences offered in recent and current years include:

Athletics	Music/Drama	Organizations/Clubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Tennis • Badminton • Track and Field • Volleyball • Basketball • Soccer • Tennis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choir • Band • Musicals • Dramas • Handbells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model UN • Math Team • Mock Trial • Business Club • National Honor Society • Equestrian • Chess • International Culture Club • Ski • Typing • Worship • Carpentry

Participation by all students is encouraged. HA is also fortunate to share recreational facilities (outdoor trails, field house, workout space, pool, tennis courts, athletic fields) with our neighboring university.



Equestrian Program

In partnership with Houghton University, the Academy offers an equestrian experience for horse lovers. The program offers serious riding practice twice weekly after school and on weekends. Novice riders with no or little experience can also schedule periodic lessons. Extra fees apply for all riding.



Parent Communication, Mentors, Internships

Communication

One of the distinctions of Houghton Academy is its serious commitment to communicating well. We know how important it is for parents who send their students abroad to have regular information about their children. Accordingly, the Academy provides the following communication network:

- The Boarding Director is accessible 24/7/365 for any urgent needs.
- Regular provides parent and agent updates.
- Students receive daily announcements and face-to-face encouragement.
- The Academy invites parents and agents to visit the campus, and we will come to visit you.

Internships & Mentors

Houghton Academy encourages students to serve in various internships in the “real world” throughout the year. Students who meet the requirements can earn academic credit while introducing themselves to careers and professions. In addition, we believe students are never too young to benefit from a highly qualified and experienced mentor. Mentors are available to provide guidance and supervision for any research programs in the student’s area of interest.

100 TOEFL Club

Houghton Academy believes in rewarding excellence. The 100 Club recognizes every international student who achieves a score of 100 or more on the challenging TOEFL examination. Club members receive a personal plaque and are recognized on a school plaque.



Religious Affiliation

Houghton Academy is a college preparatory international school that is distinctively Christian. While students are not required to share or accept Christianity as a religion, they are expected to learn and be respectful towards our faith. For those who come without any religious background or understanding of Christianity, the Academy provides students an opportunity to become well-educated and well-rounded individuals who understand why and how Christianity became the largest religion in the world. For those with an established Christian faith and particular denominational preference or theology, the Academy respects those values and provides opportunities for further growth and development.

All students are expected to live by common Christian and school standards such as obedience to authority, respect for everyone, honesty, self-discipline, empathy towards others, and avoiding bad influences and habits while acting responsibly and reliably. Weekly church attendance is required.



Food, Parent Visits

Food

Houghton Academy knows the importance of food from a home country while studying abroad. Therefore, the Academy works hard to provide tastes of home and outings to “authentic” home country restaurants. Our students are privileged to eat within the Houghton University Canteen for dinners seven days a week and all weekend meals. The all you can eat and drink buffet provides endless, healthy options including make your own stir fry, salad bar, fruits and vegetables and a variety of main courses.



Parent Visits

Parents and agents are welcome to visit Houghton Academy throughout the school year. It is hard to fully comprehend our one-of-a-kind school and community without a personal visit. Help with invitation letters, airport transportation and local hotel reservations is offered if requested in advance.



Summer Camps & School Vacation Trips

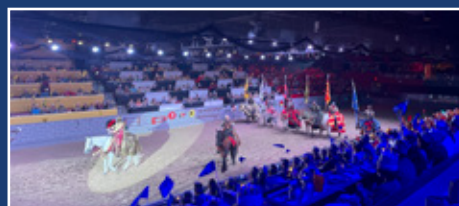
Summer Camps (extra fees)

- **Summer in America:** Houghton Academy partners with an organization that provides a summer program on campus for students who want to stay in the USA between school years. Students design their own program of study or recuperation plans but are provided supervised dorm living for an extra fee. Students provide their own food and insurance for the summer.
- **Summer English Camp:** Houghton Academy's summer program partner also offers a summer camp (two week and three and a half week options in July) for international students (ages 10-17) who desire to explore America and see what a western education is all about. The two-week version includes classes, outdoor experiences and local western NY travel hosted at Houghton Academy, while the three and a half version adds on a trip to Boston, New York City and many famous universities and sites. Registration and details are typically available by early January.



School Vacation Trips

Houghton Academy realizes many students cannot return to their home countries over school year breaks, so the Academy offers a variety of options. Students may remain in the dorms over school year breaks at no extra charge, but the Academy does not provide meals. Students may travel to stay with approved relatives living throughout America. Students may stay with a designated and approved Host Family in the Houghton region for an additional fee. Students may also choose to attend our school-sponsored and chaperoned trips for a fee. Each will have a reasonable price based on time, distance, and activities. Students staying at our school over the summer break must register for the Summer in America program described above and pay an extra fee.

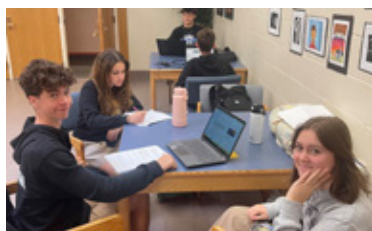




Admissions Standards

Of course, a student needs functional English to succeed, but we also care about the student's character. Houghton Academy realizes no one is perfect, and we each have growth areas. But we do look carefully at patterns in our applicants' lives in addition to English levels. The Academy will work with lower English levels than our targets if the student demonstrates the other essential characteristics.

Characteristics	Target English Levels	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Respectful	TOEFL	40	40	45	50	60	70
Honest	iTEP	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5
Open to new ideas	CEFR	A1	A1	A1	A2	B1	B2
Hard working	TOEFL IBT	30	30	45	65	85	100
Empathetic	IELTS	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.5	7.0	7.5
Determined	PTE General	L1	L1	L1	L2	L3	L4
Positive Attitude	PTE Academic	30	30	40	50	60	70



Rolling Admissions

Most schools have deadlines for when students can start in their school. However, Houghton Academy understands that obtaining passports, visas, I-20s, transcripts, transferring money, scheduling flights, and even getting the internet to work are all often unpredictable and out of our control. Consequently, although there are preferable start dates, the Academy accommodates student and family needs by allowing students to start classes when they are able to arrive.

Costs & Payment Plans



\$38,000 per year

The **Inclusive Rate** includes the following and makes the cost of education at Houghton Academy easy to understand and to plan for.

4 Payment Plans

	A (save 10%)	B (no extra fee)	C (extra 5%)	D (extra 10%)
Full Inclusive Rate ①⑦⑧	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000
Less Required Deposit before I-20 ②	-\$2,000	-\$2,000	-\$2,000	-\$2,000
Balance less Deposit	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
Discount / Interest	-\$3,800	\$0	\$1,900	\$3,800
Adjusted Inclusive Rate	\$32,200	\$36,000	\$37,900	\$39,800
Plus Student Spending Money ③	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Net Due	\$33,700	\$37,500	\$39,400	\$41,300
Due By ④				
February 1	\$33,700 (100%)			
March 1		\$18,750 (50%)		
April 1			\$9,850 (25%)	
May 1				\$10,325 (25%)
June 1		\$18,750 (50%)	\$9,850 (25%)	
July 1				\$10,325 (25%)
August 1			\$9,850 (25%)	
September 1				\$10,325 (25%)
October 1				
November 1				\$10,325 (25%)

① The Inclusive Rate includes:

- Tuition
- Room
- Board
- Boarding Activity Fee
- General Activity Fee
- Health/Insurance Fee
- Laundry Fee
- Transportation Fee
- Yearbook Fee
- School Picture Fee
- I-20 Processing Fee
- Transcript Fee
- Graduation Fee

** The Inclusive Rate includes the cost of each item listed when and if used. No portion of it is refundable if not used for any reason.*

Notes

- ② All NEW students are required to make a \$2,000 deposit before an I-20 will be issued. If requested, \$1,000 of the \$2,000 deposit is refundable when written documentation of two Visa rejections is provided.
- ③ **\$1,500 of Student Spending Money** is required in addition to the Inclusive Tuition Rate to cover miscellaneous expenses that may come up during a school year. The Student Spending Money and any credit balances are carried forward each school year during the student's enrollment. Unused portions are kept for four months after graduation to allow for possible late arriving medical bills, testing bills or shipping costs for students' left luggage for the student's university. On October 1st, the balance is converted to a donation to the school in the name of the family unless a refund is previously requested. Only parents who have paid full price, without financial aid or scholarships, are eligible for a refund of the remaining Spending Money.
- ④ Any late payment within any Payment Plan beyond any deadline will be assessed a 5% (of the late payment amount) fee per month late.
- ⑤ All discounts or extra fees will be calculated as percentages.
- ⑥ Only students paying the Full Inclusive Rate are eligible for Plan A.
- ⑦ The Full Inclusive Rate is for Dorm Stay. HomeStay, arranged by the School, has an extra fee of \$7,000.
- ⑧ All Tuition (Inclusive Rate) is non-refundable. A signed Parent Agreement obligates full payment whether the student finishes the year or not.
- ⑨ **Excellence Scholarships:** Houghton Academy rewards students who can demonstrate excellence with scholarships during their first year. Scholarships can range from \$1,000-\$5,000. An application is required and awards are based on effort, commitment, personal ownership, citizenship and excellence.



Admission Steps

1

SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

Visit houghtonacademy.org/boardingprogram and click on "Apply Online Now"

2

SUBMIT YOUR UPDATED TRANSCRIPT

Submit your most recent transcript or informal record of all of high school classes taken and currently enrolled in. Email to admissionsteam@houghton.academy

3

SCHEDULE & COMPLETE ONLINE INTERVIEW

- Once the application and all supporting materials have been received, a Zoom, Skype, or WeChat Online Interview will be scheduled
- The interview is a one-on-one 60 minute interview between the student and Houghton Academy's Boarding Director. Parents should not be present during the interview but may ask questions at the end.
- Please ensure the student prepares an English book for the reading assessment. No other preparation is required.

4

RECEIVE ADMISSIONS RESULT

The student will receive the admission decision within 48 hours of the interview. If accepted, the student will receive the following:

- 1) An official acceptance letter
- 2) The enrollment contract
- 3) A request for any other additional documents needed

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SIGN ENROLLMENT CONTRACT & MAKE PAYMENT

The student's family will have 15 calendar days to accept or reject the admission offer. This will be communicated by returning the signed enrollment contract and making the required deposit. The timeline will be shorter for students accepted after May 31.

All payments/wires must be identified by the student's name!

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OBTAIN YOUR F-1 VISA & NOTIFY US

- International students will receive an I-20 after making the deposit and need to contact the appropriate US Embassy or Consulate to schedule an interview for an F-1 student visa.
- Notify Houghton Academy upon receiving your F-1 visa.

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MAKE FINAL PAYMENT & SUBMIT REMAINING MATERIALS

- Any remaining payment and records are due according to the terms of your enrollment contract. Failure to make full payment within this period may result in the cancellation of the student's I-20.
- Note: Do NOT purchase flight tickets or make any travel plans before making the final payment and turning in all requested documents.

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SUBMIT TRAVEL DETAILS

- The student's family should purchase flights to Buffalo Niagara International Airport, NY (BUF), and let Houghton Academy know of the student's travel plans.
- HA only accepts travel arrangements after receiving the full payment and admission document.

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BEGIN SCHOOL AT HOUGHTON ACADEMY

International School / Boarding Program Leadership Team



Mr. Jared Winkens

Admissions Assistant

Responsibilities: Assist students applying to Houghton Academy (completing applications, securing transcripts, scheduling interviews, collecting documents, providing acceptance & I-20 communication and coordinating arrivals). Provides ongoing support to students and families while at Houghton Academy. Works closely with agents and agencies.

Biography: Mr. Winkens is a Houghton Academy alumnus born and raised in Houghton. While a student at Houghton Academy he created many lifelong friendships with international students. His family also hosted an international student for years and is known for their regular hospitality to Academy boarding students. Before starting college, he worked in Africa on an educational project serving the technological needs of students. He has worked as a Resident Assistant for numerous summer camps hosted at Houghton Academy. He is simultaneously pursuing a BS and MS degree in Computer Science at SUNY Polytechnic Institute while serving at Houghton Academy.

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Upcoming Events

Contact us to schedule a visit

Recruitment Trips

November 2023

- Northern Europe & Scandinavia
- Asia

February 2024

- Africa
- Central & South America

April 2024

- To be announced

Summer English Camps

- July 2024

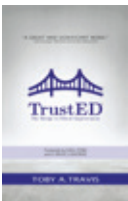


Dr. Toby Travis

Head of School

Responsibilities: While working in partnership with parents, provide the leadership to ensure Houghton Academy accomplishes its mission in the lives of every student.

Dr. Travis is a well-respected and experienced school leader. Before coming to Houghton Academy, Dr. Travis served as Superintendent of the Village Christian Academy in North Carolina, Headmaster of Desert Christian Schools in Arizona, and had international experience at Alliance Academy International (Academic Director) and Colegio Menor Samborondón (Head of School) in Ecuador, South America. Dr.



Travis is a prolific writer, public speaker, sought-after school consultant, and executive coach. His award-winning book, *TrustedED®: The Bridge to School Improvement*, emphasizing the critical importance of the relationship between students, teachers, and administrators, is highly regarded as influential in the world of education (e.g., recently featured in Forbes, eSchoolNews).

Early in his career, Dr. Travis served in multiple youth ministries. Dr. Travis and his family have previously enjoyed hosting international students. Houghton Academy is fortunate to have a leader with broad and valuable experiences combined with his passion for working with teenagers.

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Mr. Jon Keith [Primary Contact]

International Program Director /
Administrative Principal / CFO

Responsibilities: Overall leadership of International Program, parent and student questions, interviews, financial issues, agent relationships, student recruitment, and daily resource to students, international parents, Home Dorm's parents and all International Program participants.

Houghton Academy is fortunate to have an international educator with 40+ years of experience leading its International Program. In addition to creating educational programs emulated by schools all over the USA, Mr. Keith has led elite Summer English Camps both in the USA and China and recruited and placed students from 15 countries into a network of over 50 USA schools. Before returning to Houghton (he and his wife are Academy graduates), he divided his time between multiple Chinese cities and the USA. While living and working in China, Mr. Keith offered USA Prep. Programs, taught English and Communication courses, and held Vice President, CEO, American Principal, and Marketing Director roles. He maintains close relationships with students, alumni, parents, schools, and agents worldwide. While not on recruitment travels, Mr. Keith teaches classes, plans and leads activities and trips, regularly communicates with international parents, and interacts daily with students at the Academy. Mr. Keith and his father's (former administrator) influence has spanned over 70 of the school's 140 year history.

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